

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No.: NEI-00105

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the comments set forth fully below. Claims 31-43 were pending. Within the previous Office Action, Claims 31-43 have been rejected and Claims 44 and 45 have been objected to. By the above amendment, Claims 31, 34, 37-39, 42 and 45 have been amended, Claims 36 and 44 have been canceled and new Claims 46-49 have been added. Accordingly, Claims 31-35, 37-43 and 45-49 are now pending.

The Applicants' attorney would like to thank the Examiner for his time and courteousness during the interview on Wednesday, March 9, 2005. During the interview, it was agreed that the prior art of record does not include the action of moving elements, such as the waste tube and drains, within a purging system. It was agreed that the Applicant would file this response with an RCE and the Examiner will then perform an updated prior art search.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as amended, are now in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,  
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